

COUNTRY East Germany 25X1 REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC General Military Information

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. During the night of 25 June 1953, about 180 trucks and 34 tanks were entrained at the Zeitz freight station.¹

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2. On 4 July, three troop trains were loaded with engineer units at the Dessau railroad station. Pontoons, motorboats, amphibious vehicles and trucks [REDACTED] were observed. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] On 4 July, the cantonment near Gross Kuehnau appeared to be almost vacant.² The Flak Kaserne in Kochstedt was occupied to capacity. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Martial law was lifted in Dessau on 25 June. The tanks had been withdrawn on 20 June.

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3. At 11 a.m. on 8 July, about 20 T-43 tanks [REDACTED] were entrained at the Jueterbog railroad station. Comparatively few troops were seen with the tanks.⁴

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4. On 9 July, a troop train carrying 6 x 120-mm mortars and 122-mm howitzers, and including 6 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen en route from the direction of Cottbus toward Goerlitz.⁵

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5. Between 7 and 10 July, double sentries, which included officers; and each one heavy SP gun were at the two gates of the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau. A total of 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 20 about 15-man tents were observed.⁶

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6. At 9 a.m. on 12 July, a troop train carrying 10 T-34 tanks [REDACTED] and about 50 EM was at the Jueterbog railroad station, with the engine headed toward Leipzig; and, at about 10 a.m., a troop train carrying 15 JS-tanks and including 3 to 4 boxcars occupied by about 70 soldiers was seen at the Schoenefeld railroad station, with the engine headed toward Jueterbog. [REDACTED]

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- 25X1 1. Comment. The departure of engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army was previously reported [redacted]
- 25X1 2. Comment. Camp Gross Kuehnau, which had been vacated in April by the 4th Gds Rcn Bn of the 7th Gds Tank Div, was temporarily occupied by the 3d Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 6th Gds Tank Div on 18 June. [redacted]
- 25X1 3. Comment. The 62d AAA Div (US), since late April 1953, has continually been reported in the barracks installation in Kochstedt. [redacted]
- 25X1 4. Comment. The tanks may have belonged to the 6th Gds Tank Div or the 14th Gds Mecz Div.
- 25X1 5. Comment. Presumably a shipment of artillery units of the 9th Mecz Div; according to available information, the division had to secure the Neisse bridge near Goerlitz. [redacted] elements of the 692d How Arty Regt had returned to the Alvensleben Kaserne in Cottbus from Forst Tauer on 18 June. [redacted] The information again strengthens the previous assumption that elements of the 9th Mecz Div had been employed in the area of Goerlitz.
- 25X1 6. Comment. The information indicates that special security measures were continued in Leipzig until 10 July.
- 25X1 7. Comment. According to reports on transportation, five trains had to be made available for shipments to Wittenberg on 12 July. The tank [redacted] observed belongs to the 6th Gds Tank Div.
- 25X1 8. Comment. Presumably tanks of the 1st Mecz Div returning to Doeberitz from their employment in Berlin.

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